



## Midweek Meditation



*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1*

*It is the nature of faith to deal with possessions which it neither sees nor feels but handles just as if they were present, though it has no other assurance than the knowledge that God neither lies nor deceives. For example, when I am about to die and death faces me, I must go on; but I do not know where I should place my foot first. Now if unbelief is there, it trembles, shudders, and says: “Where shall I go now? Who knows what is to become of me?” Unbelief always wants to see and feel first where to go; but its ambition is not realized. Therefore it must despair. Faith, however, thinks thus: “I know not where I am going. Go I must. I see and feel nothing; but I will commend myself to Him who has said, ‘Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you.’” So sharp are the eyes of faith. Faith can see in the dark, where nothing whatever is visible; it feels where nothing is to be felt.*

**Martin Luther**

Many of God’s people are named in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. None of them dealt with the coronavirus. Most of them dealt with much worse. All of them lived by faith.

It’s not the severity of what we have to endure that matters, but rather the steadfast promises of our gracious God. We can navigate through these uncharted waters because God is the one steering His church. God always calls us to live by faith. Truly, there is no other way to live and to die. It is through such dark days as these that God is teaching us to live by faith in His promises. Nothing, He says, will be able to separate us from His love for us in Christ Jesus.

*Lord Jesus, lead Your church through these troubled times. Teach me to live, not by sight, but by faith. Amen.*